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SUBJECT: US-MONGOLIAN RELATIONS

1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR TELLS ME THAT WHEN HE MET WITH
TSEDENBAL FOLLOWING HIS RECENT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
IN ULAN BATOR HE ASKED TSEDENBAL ABOUT MONGOLIA'S TIES
WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. TSEDENBAL PROUDLY RESPONDED THAT
MONGOLIA NOW HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH OVER EIGHTY
COUNTRIES, ADDING THAT ULAN BATOR IS ANXIOUS STRENGTHEN
POLITICAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.
TSEDENBAL'S DEMEANOR VISIBLY COOLED WHEN DUTCH AMBASSADOR
NOTED THAT THE U.S. IS THE LEADING WESTERN COUNTRY AND
ASKED WHETHER TSEDENBAL WAS INCLUDING WASHINGTON IN HIS
FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE. TSEDENBAL RESPONDED THAT "TIME
WAS NOT RIPE" FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF U.S.-MONGOLIAN DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS.

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2. COMMENT: WE READ THIS AS FURTHER CONFIRMATION THAT
THE SOVIET UNION, AND THEREFORE TSEDENBAL, HAS NO INTEN-
TION OF LETTING US ESTABLISH A PRESENCE IN ULAN BATOR IN
THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. TOON

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